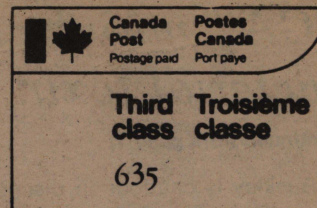




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"Canadian universities have opted for 'internationalism at any cost' and now we see that the brand they have bought is about as international as a Holiday Inn."

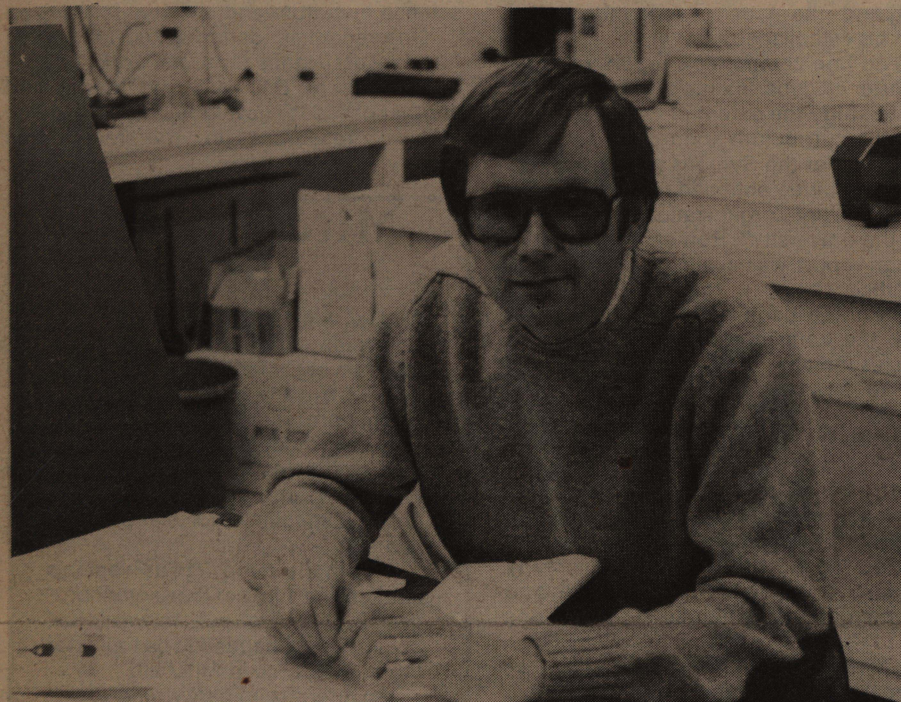
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Discovery assists cholesterol research

By Donna Danylchuk



Buckley: may have discovered new bacterial toxin

A new enzyme discovered by Dr. Tom Buckley (Biochemistry) may lead to significant advances in medical research concerned with finding treatments for people predisposed to coronary heart disease. The discovery of the enzyme is also a cause for excitement among biochemists studying

cell membrane structures in humans and other animals.

To continue his research in this area, Buckley recently received a \$18,000 grant renewable for two years from the National Science and Engineering Council.

He will collaborate with Dr. J. Frohlich of

the University of British Columbia on the medical aspects of research into the new enzyme.

Enzymes are protein molecules made by all living cells which act as catalysts in speeding up chemical reactions in plants and animals. Without enzymes, these chemical reactions would take place too slowly for life as we know it to be possible.

Human cells produce an enzyme known by the acronym LCAT which converts cholesterol into forms which the body can cope with, thus preventing the fatty substance from building up in the arteries and blocking the passage of blood to the heart.

Some people, however, lack sufficient quantities of LCAT to effectively convert cholesterol and are predisposed to coronary heart disease. The LCAT deficiency is hereditary among some people, explains Buckley.

But, among a much larger proportion of the population — a proportion which Buckley hesitates to estimate — alcoholism is the cause of the deficiency and consequent susceptibility to heart trouble.

It was about a year and a half ago while he and a graduate student were looking for another bacterial protein enzyme that Buckley accidentally discovered the enzyme now known as PCAT. Testing to date reveals that PCAT is very similar to LCAT in that it also has the property of being able to convert cholesterol.

Buckley's open enthusiasm at the prospect of proceeding with further PCAT research derives partly from the fact that the discovery leads to several offshoots in

scientific and medical investigations. There are thousands of enzymes known to man and many that can convert cholesterol, but PCAT is the first discovered enzyme that converts it in the same way that the human enzyme LCAT does.

Another exceptional fact about PCAT is that it is produced by bacteria instead of mammalian cells.

"We are really very excited about how we can use it. It is something really quite extraordinary to find this new enzyme capacity," said Buckley during an interview in his office in L hut, the location of UVic's microbiology and biochemistry labs where the enzyme was discovered.

As bacteria don't have cholesterol, there is no reason for a bacteria to have such an enzyme. Buckley and his colleagues including Dr. Trevor Trust (Biochemistry) therefore believe that PCAT may mark the discovery of a new bacterial toxin.

"We think the bacteria which produce PCAT use it to change the cholesterol in animal cells, to give the bacteria an advantage in attacking the cells," Buckley explains.

Buckley will be collaborating with Trust, who is currently immersed in studies of fish, in studying the possibly pathogenic properties of the bacterial family which produces PCAT. He and his colleagues currently assume that PCAT is produced by all of the hundreds of bacteria in the family, known as Vibrionaceae. According to research so far, it is the only family which has the enzyme.

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UVic operating grant up 7.93 per cent BOG looks at tuition fee hike

By John Driscoll

President Dr. Howard Petch is expected to recommend at the May 22 meeting of the Board of Governors (BOG) that tuition fees be increased for UVic students enrolling in September.

"I expect discussion of a fee increase and a decision at the meeting," said Petch, following this week's announcement of operating grants for the three B.C. universities.

UVic's operating grant for 1979-80 is \$36.8 million, up 7.93 per cent from last year.

The Universities Council of British Columbia (UCBC) announced the grant allocations, subject to approval by the provincial legislature.

The University of British Columbia will receive \$131 million, up 7.81 per cent from 1978-79 and Simon Fraser University will receive \$48.5 million, an increase of 9.95 per cent.

The provincial grant makes up about 88 per cent of UVic's operating grant. The other major source of revenue is tuition fees.

"When the general financial situation in Canada and the lot of universities in other provinces are considered, I'm pleased with our allocation," said Petch. "I think we've done fairly well in this province."

The three B.C. universities will receive \$217 million in operating grants for 1979-80, up 8.3 per cent from 1978-79 grants.

This overall operating grant increase is "the highest of any province in Canada" according to Dr. William Gibson, UCBC chairman.

"However," Petch adds, "inflationary costs are increasing at about 12 per cent a year in universities and have been for several years."

"The problem is simply that our costs are increasing at a much higher rate than our grants. This is why I feel we need an increase in tuition fees."

The most recent fee increase at UVic occurred at the beginning of the 1977-78 academic year.

Petch said that even with an increase in fees, "some cutbacks will have to be made." He said he does not think cutbacks of regular UVic staff will occur, "but we will likely have some reduction of our part-time employment."

In recent months the BOG has been studying statistics and reports on tuition fees and student financial aid across Canada, but postponed any decision on a possible fee hike at UVic until after the operating grant allocation was known.

Bursar Robert McQueen says he hopes to have a recommended operating budget prepared for the June 18 meeting of the BOG.

According to McQueen, the announce-

ment of operating grants by UCBC this year contained no unpleasant surprises.

UVic administrators objected to the methods used last year to allocated grants for 1978-79 when UBC received a 9.9 per cent increase while SFU's increase was 7 per cent and UVic received a 6.9 per cent increase.

McQueen and financial officers from SFU and UBC worked with UCBC officials during 1978-79 to develop a satisfactory formula for allocating the grants.

In a news release this week, UCBC explained that the grant allocation formula is concerned with "enrolments, program costs and economies of scale".

More than 95 per cent of the operating grants have been allocated on the formula basis.

"From the perspective of the universities the most significant contribution of the formula may well be in the areas of equity and planning predictability," the UCBC release states.

Within each grant UCBC has included "discretionary" funds with the recommendation that these funds be used "in areas where unusual inflationary cost increases and declines in the external value of the Canadian dollar have caused the greatest harm".

These areas include maintenance, utilities, student aid, libraries, and scientific equipment and supplies.

Within the operating grant allocation for UVic, \$1,587,765 has been designated as a discretionary allocation.

UCBC has also allocated \$477,542 for new and emergent programs at SFU and UBC. These include programs in landscape architecture, medical laboratory science, Bachelor of Education in French, Master of Fine Arts, and coal engineering at UBC and a criminology program at SFU.

Within the operating grants UCBC also allocated \$1 million to the three universities for "programs of distinction". UVic receives \$178,616 while UBC receives \$637,287 and SFU, \$234,097.

These funds are to be used to "undertake programs of particular economic, social, cultural or education benefit to British Columbia".

UCBC did not specify programs which should receive funding under this special allocation which represents a half of one per cent of each university's operating grant.

In the release, UCBC states that the new formula for allocating grants will be employed for three years.

PCAT may be new bacterial toxin

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Buckley is cautious in discussing salutary effects for coronary heart disease patients arising from PCAT's discovery. He can only predict at this stage that there is a remote long-term possibility of helping such patients. Further predictions await the outcome of the research which he and Frohlich, who works at the UBC laboratories at Vancouver General hospital with coronary heart disease patients, are just beginning.

At UVic, Buckley and his research associates are now working in their labs looking for ways to purify PCAT. One of the advantages to studying this enzyme, he explains, is that it's very easy to obtain from its bacterial source.

This is in marked contrast to LCAT which can be obtained from its human or animal blood source only through a complicated procedure. Only a little LCAT can be obtained at a time, it lasts for only a short duration, and even when purified requires a long reaction time of at least several hours to convert cholesterol.

"Our enzyme," says Buckley, "is a 100 million to a billion times more active. LCAT takes hours or even days to turn substance A into substance B. PCAT takes seconds. It is very difficult to study LCAT but very easy to study PCAT. We can do a lot more experiments with a given amount and it's very stable."

The ease of obtaining PCAT for study combined with its special properties have given Buckley and other biochemists an extremely promising research tool to investigate an area currently of high scientific interest — the structure of mammalian membranes.

The membranes surrounding individual cells do a large number of things. Buckley is one of many biochemists interested in learning more about them. "We need to know more about membranes" he states.

Among the functions of membranes are maintaining in sides of cells in proper composition, absorbing nutrients and getting rid of wastes and maintaining ionic composition. They also participate in the production of energy, the replication of DNA and the synthesis of proteins.

Since cholesterol is found in cell membranes, Buckley will be able to use PCAT to attack the cholesterol thus changing the membrane structure. He hopes to find out how and why the process takes place.

The structure and function of membranes is central to the understanding of the key life processes with which biochemists and all of us indirectly are concerned. As far as Buckley is concerned, the discovery of PCAT should enable biochemists to make advances in what he considers to be one of the most exciting areas in biochemistry today.



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Senate creating committee to co-ordinate Canadian studies

By John Driscoll

Despite opposition from some senators, UVic is moving cautiously into the area of Canadian studies.

More than two years after a campus ad hoc committee on Canadian studies was established, Senate, at the May 2 meeting, decided to establish another committee to "co-ordinate the development of Canadian-oriented curriculum and research at both graduate and undergraduate levels".

Before this committee is established however, its terms of reference and make-up must be brought back to Senate for discussion.

A senate committee will meet with the ad hoc committee on Canadian studies to establish terms of reference for the new committee.

"I want the committee to define what the hell Canadian studies are," said acting Dean of Arts, Dr. I.D. Pal (Economics) during the Senate debate. "I am very suspicious of the whole thing. For example, does a Canadian-oriented curriculum mean a WASP curriculum?"

Pal suggested that the report of the ad hoc committee on Canadian studies be sent to the faculties for comments with the request that responses be back to the Senate by September of 1980. He said he would not be able to deliver a report from Arts and Science by December of 1979, as recommended.

Dr. Norman Ruff (Political Science), chairman of the ad hoc committee, said he looked on this suggestion with "dismay".

"Why wait for another two years?", he asked. "The committee has proposed six options, all within the competence of the Senate."

Ruff agreed that the first part of the committee report, including nine special recommendations, should be sent to the faculties but argued that at least four options should be considered by Senate.

Senate agreed after a sometimes emotional debate.

The ad hoc committee was established to respond to the Symons Report on Canadian Studies, commissioned by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC). The Symons Report, *To Know Ourselves: the Report of the Commission on Canadian Studies*, caused a stir in university circles when it was released in 1975.

The four options considered by Senate were:

1. a listing of courses considered by departments as being of special relevance to

Canadian studies to appear in the UVic **Calendar** as a guide for students seeking Canadian electives

2. department chairmen to report annually to the president on current developments in Canadian studies

3. **Calendar** course entries and descriptions of undergraduate and graduate programs to more carefully indicate their degree of Canadian content

4. a standing inter-disciplinary student-faculty committee to be struck to co-ordinate the development of Canadian-oriented curriculum and research.

President Dr. Howard Petch said he sensed Senate had no sympathy at this time with two other options, the appointment of a Canadian studies co-ordinator and the establishment of an interdisciplinary Canadian studies program.

The debate was centred on the fourth option and the type of committee that should be established.

The ad hoc committee's report was prepared after all departments on campus were asked to study the extent of Canadian content in the curriculum and respond to specific aspects of the Symons report.

The committee obtained responses from "virtually every organizational structure within the university". Ruff said a complete 122-page report was available in the registrar's office.

In the three page report considered by Senate, the committee stated that written responses indicate "a hospitable climate for Canadian studies throughout the university".

"Though five departments saw Canadian oriented studies as being of limited relevance to their disciplines, nowhere did we find any negative views on the subject."

"Indeed 87 per cent of departments expressed the view that they were already attempting to meet or had gone beyond recommendations contained in the Symons report."

The Symons report was criticized by several departments for failure to understand a particular discipline, lack of supporting research and use of out-moded data.

The committee pointed out that it was not enough to affirm a general support for the promotion of Canadian studies. "The true measure of a commitment to Canadian studies at the University of Victoria will rest in its willingness to take concrete steps to

ensure the continued vitality of existing programs and the imaginative development of new Canadian academic orientations."

A series of special recommendations received by the committee were referred to Petch for appropriate referral.

One of these recommendations, from the department of creative writing, called for the establishment of a Faculty of Languages and Literature with a department of Canadian literature.

Other recommendations included increased student exchange programs and the development of a joint western university Arctic Institute and a B.C. Arctic Marine Institute at UVic.

There was a recommendation that a French Canadian literature course be established in the English department and that a study centre on provincial government be established on campus.

There was support for courses in interpretation and translation and for a course on science in culture and society.

One recommendation asked for special financial assistance for social work students from northern B.C. and the Yukon and another called for development of Canadian archival resources in the McPherson Library.

Mitchell says bah

Dr. Reg Mitchell (Chemistry) is not very happy about the prospect of a program of Canadian studies and he doesn't like the idea of a women's studies program either.

During a debate on Canadian studies at the May 2 Senate meeting (see story, this page) Mitchell described Canadian studies as a "woolly area".

"It's in the same area as women's studies and some of these other programs that are put forward just because they happen to be topical at the moment," said Mitchell.

An interdisciplinary women's studies course, "Women in Canada" has been approved by Senate and begins in September.

"I'm not very happy with such woolly areas as Canadian studies," Mitchell told the Senate. "I hate to see us get into another program of this kind at a time of fiscal restraint."

Call goes out for children's art

By Alan Murray

University of Victoria students Leona Cole (ED-5), Heather Fraser (ED-5), and Anne Moreau (ED-1) will be compiling a collection of Canadian children's art this summer under the guidance of Dr. Margaret Travis (Education). The project is being funded under the Young Canada Works program.

Cole is responsible for the overall management of the project and mounting and photographing the art. Fraser is responsible for cataloguing and Moreau, who is bilingual, for public relations.

Cole says the purpose of the project is to acquire art for research purposes and to study the stages of development of Canadian children's art.

"Research based on the art may also change the way we teach art in our schools. We may be able to isolate areas in art where children could benefit from more formalized instruction, such as children in other countries receive."

Adds Fraser: "We think we will catalogue the art according to age, region of the country, sex of the child, ethnic group, subject matter, and technological era."

"We feel that television may have had a profound influence on the art of one generation of Canadian children, and space technology may have influenced the present Canadian children."

"One influence that we have had to consider lately is home art versus school art. We noticed from the submission of one university student how much different the pieces



From left, Cole, Fraser and Moreau: Give us your grade two art

she did at art class were from those she did at home on her own."

The art will form a part of a touring exhibit of Canadian children's art and will also be kept on file and photographed; "so that anyone wishing to make a calendar featuring children's art, for example, will be able to obtain the art from us," says Cole.

Cole emphasizes that collecting children's art is not just a four-month project. "This is only the beginning. Long after the summer we expect art to come in from

across Canada."

They expect most of the art sent to them to be two-dimensional, although they are encouraging people to photograph three-dimensional art and send them the photos.

"We'd love to see the ashtrey somebody made in grade two," they all agree.

"Most people will probably only want to send us their best, which in many cases is an adult's concept of what children's art is. We'd like all children's art."

Completed Clearihue starts campus shuffle



Murray photo

Some classic profiles shift to new quarters

It has taken 17 years but UVic's first academic building is now complete.

With completion of a fourth wing, the Clearihue Building now houses all humanities departments on campus and surrounds an attractive courtyard.

A widespread campus shuffle has been taking place this month with departments from the Sedgewick, MacLaurin and Cornett Buildings moving into the new wing.

The building honors the memory of Dr. Joseph Clearihue whose connection with UVic and its predecessor, Victoria College, began in 1902 when he enrolled as a student.

Clearihue was a leading figure in efforts to establish a degree-granting university in Victoria and in 1963 was named the first chancellor of UVic.

In 1962 the first academic building on the Gordon Head campus was appropriately named in his honor. A second wing was added to the original Clearihue Building in 1971 and a third wing was completed in 1976.

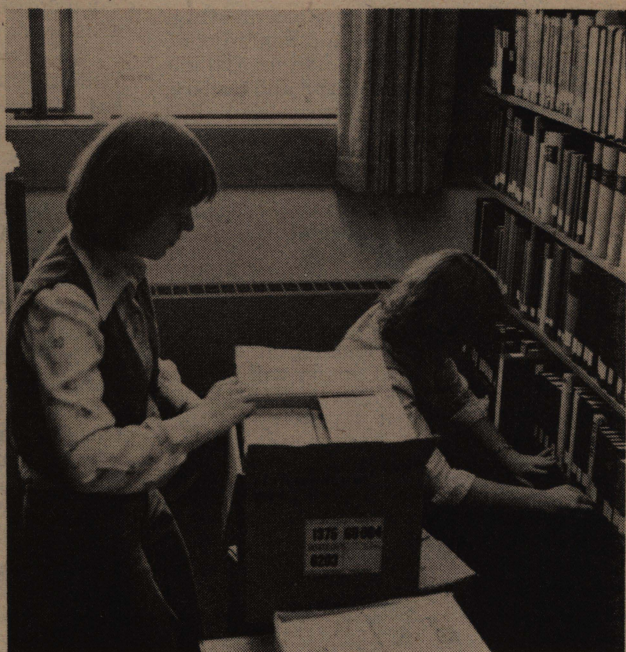


Four departments have been moved from the Sedgewick Building to the new fourth wing.

History in art is now located on the main floor of the new wing, with two offices on the second floor. Philosophy shares the third floor with creative writing and The Malahat Review offices.

Classics and Hispanic and Italian studies occupy the fourth floor.

History, formerly located in the Cornett Building, has been moved to the second floor of the new wing.



May is moving month

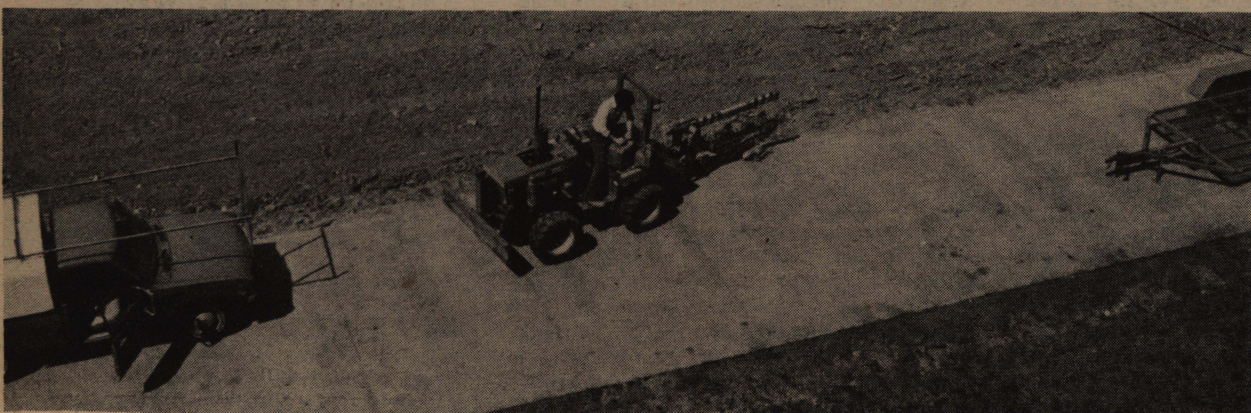
The offices of the dean and assistant dean of arts and science and of the arts and science advising centre have been moved from the MacLaurin Building to the main floor of the new wing.

The Language Centre, containing the language and listening laboratories formerly located in the MacLaurin Building, now occupies the lower floor of the new wing.

The campus shuffle does not stop with these moves. After renovations at the Sedgewick Building, three departments will be moving into the space vacated by departments now in the Clearihue.

The registrar's office will move to the Sedgewick from the fourth floor of the McPherson Library.

Personnel services will move from 'L' Hut and Community Relations and Development, which includes information services and the alumni association, will move from University House on Haro Road to the Sedgewick.



This is not an invasion. It's a clean-up of the quadrangle adjacent to the new wing

Royal Roads honors 'Bob'

Dr. Robert Wallace, former UVic administrator, teacher and chancellor, today receives an honorary degree at Convocation ceremonies at Royal Roads Military College (RRMC) in Colwood.

Minister of Defence Barney Danson who is also chancellor of RRMC announced earlier this week that Wallace is one of three distinguished Canadians who will be awarded honorary degrees at the ceremony.

Retired Commodore D.C.S. Robertson, a master mariner and consultant on the Arctic, and Dr. John Spinks, President of the University of Saskatchewan from 1959 to 1974, will receive Doctor of Military Science degrees and Wallace will receive a Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, degree.

Wallace has been associated with UVic and its predecessor Victoria College since 1924 when he enrolled as a student. He was a

teacher in the mathematics department for 38 years. Among administrative positions he has held are first director of the evening division, first director of summer session and first dean of administration.

He also served as acting principal of Victoria College, dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science, head of the mathematics department and acting UVic president in 1968-69.

He retired from teaching in 1971 and was awarded the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, by UVic in 1972. He served as chancellor from 1972 to the end of 1978.

Wallace has also served on several community and church organizations.

"Wallace Hall", one of three new UVic residences, and "Wallace Field", a new campus rugby field, have been named in his honor.

Petch pushes aging studies

President Dr. Howard Petch met with more than 50 faculty members May 3 to discuss the development of a major grant application for an interdisciplinary research program to study the problems of the elderly. Among the areas of study represented at the meeting were human and social development, public administration, economics, geography, sociology, and psychology.

Major funding for studies into the aging process have recently been made available by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council.

Petch feels that UVic is well-suited to such a study. "Victoria has twice as many elderly per capita than any other Canadian city. In addition, UVic is a human-oriented university. We are developing professional schools to serve human problems. We have stayed away from schools of applied

science. Our schools of nursing, public administration, and human and social development show our direction.

"If we ever get a medical school, which is not likely to happen in my term of office, it would be appropriate if it would deal with the problems of the elderly and medical services to remote areas."

Petch, however, says he has no plans to develop an institute for studies of the aged in the near future.

"I don't believe in 'paper' institutes, where you arbitrarily create an institute and then give a director a blank cheque to staff it and create a program of studies. I prefer to use existing resources, work with research grants, see if there is interest, offer a few courses, and then if it appears warranted, consider setting up a structure for coordinating the studies in a particular field."

Student studies elderly

Marilyn Crawford (GS-M) will receive the first Sara Spencer Foundation Graduate Research award. The awards were established by the Sara Spencer Foundation to enable graduate students to do applied research in the social sciences in the Victoria area. It is the hope of the Foundation that the awards will attract able graduate students to UVic.



Crawford: first to receive Spencer award

Crawford will use her grant to study "The Quality of Life in Greater Victoria". It will be primarily a study of the problems and attitudes of the city's elderly, and is the basis for Crawford's M.A. thesis in sociology. She and her assistant, Dan Paylor (A&S-3), will interview 600-800 Victorians of all ages. Crawford wants to compare the lifestyle of the city's elderly with that of younger Victorians in order to determine which problems and attitudes are solely those of the elderly.

The original impetus for Crawford's study came from Elizabeth Rogers, of the Widows' Information Centre, who wanted some data to present to provincial government officials when she was pressing the Centre's claims for greater assistance to elderly women.

Those interviewed will be asked both objective and subjective questions. Crawford says the objective questions, on such matters as income, housing, and leisure time activities will primarily enable her to determine people's lifestyle when compared with economic factors.

The subjective questions are designed to allow her to see how people feel about the quality of their lives.

Crawford hopes that the information she collects will be useful to others in the university community studying the lifestyle of the aged in Victoria.

Campus community invited to June 2 Convocation

Faculty and staff are invited to attend the sixteenth annual convocation ceremonies at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., June 2 in the McKinnon Gymnasium. They are also welcome at the receptions following each ceremony in the Old Gymnasium. About 1,000 students will receive degrees. At the 10 a.m. ceremony, the degrees of Ph.D., M.A., M.Sc., B.A., and B.Sc. will be awarded. At the 2:30 p.m. ceremony, the degrees of Ph.D., M.A., M.Ed., M.Mus., M.P.A., B.Ed., B.F.A., B.Mus., B.S.N., B.S.W., LL.B., and the balance of the B.A.'s and B.Sc.'s will be awarded.

Calendar

Friday, May 18th.

2:30 p.m. Faculty of Education meeting. MACL 103.

Monday, May 21st.

VICTORIA DAY. University offices closed.

Tuesday, May 22nd.

1:00 p.m. Board of Governors meeting. UNIV, Senate and Board Room.

Contemporary Canadian Indian Art Exhibit opens at Maltwood art Museum and Gallery. Regular hours.

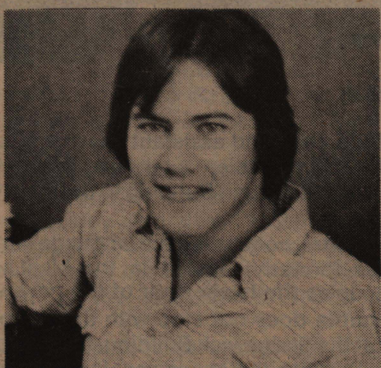
Saturday, May 26th.

8:00 p.m. Ginny Kidd, soprano, will give a recital, accompanied by Anne Cross. Admission \$3. MUSIC BUILDING, Recital Hall.

Tuesday, May 29th.

8:00 p.m. Free public lecture, as part of the Canadian Association of Geographers annual convention. James Gilmour of the Science Council of Canada will talk on "The Canadian Industrial Dilemma and Policy for Reconstruction". MACL 144.

Faces



Cooper: breaking into new job

Rick Cooper, the new Alma Mater Society (AMS) Ombudsman, is undergoing trial by fire. Final grades are out.

"It happens every year at this time. Students get their grades about mid-May and some do not feel they have been treated fairly," says Cooper.

Having had early May, a relatively slack time, and the assistance of outgoing Ombudsman Patty Beatty-Guenter to familiarize himself with the job, Cooper now faces a summer of activity.

He'll be busy, even if not talking directly with students about their problems.

June will be spent working on the AMS Student Handbook. Along with Jeanne Freberg, Cooper will be examining old handbooks of UVic along with those of other universities to compile the guide to accommodation, registration, employment, social life, and other useful information.

When summer session classes start, Cooper might be busy again as an arbiter of disputes. He will also work on early registration in July and August, with orientation for new students in September.

"I hope to be an arbitrator, a negotiator. I hope to be able to see matters from the point of view of both the student and the administration," says Cooper.

He has no plans to be a spokesman for student rights. "I leave political decisions to the student politicians."

His schedule will likely be busy. In the fall he is taking four law courses and as ombudsman, he is expected to devote 25 to 30 hours a week during the academic year.

Cooper, who has worked part-time throughout his university career, feels capable of organizing his time. He says that in addition to his Ombudsman duties and his classes he will still have time to study.

"If you do three hours of studying every day, it's enough, especially in third year Law. Anyway, I'm not afraid of working late at night."

Malahat features B.C. prose

Volume Fifty, April 1979 of *The Malahat Review* is now out. Subtitled *West Coast Renaissance II*, it follows from *West Coast Renaissance I*, a volume of poetry. *Renaissance II* is a volume of prose, and includes a number of illustrations by Native Indian artists, cousins Tony and Calvin Hunt.

Co-edited by Robin Skelton (Creative Writing) and Charles Lillard, the latest *Malahat* offers short stories by Skelton, Judy Winter, Keith Maillard, Howard O'Hagan, P.K. Page, Steve Guppy, George Payerle, Sonia Birch-Jones (Public Administration), J. Michael Yates, Norman Alford (English), Theresa Kishkan, W.P. Kinsella, Garry McKevitt, Leon Rooke, Rona Murray (Creative Writing), Hubert Evans, Derk Wynand (Creative Writing), Gwladys Downes, Jan Drabek, and John Livingston.

Critic and poet Skelton says of his first published short story "Portrait of Duck":

"First of all, let me say that I don't want to use *The Malahat Review* as a vehicle for my own work, but my co-editor, Charles Lillard, insisted."

"I started writing short stories some time ago, but I wanted to wait until I thought I had

something to tell before I published them. I find autobiographical fiction boring, and I didn't want to write about my own childhood."

"Portrait of Duck" is a humorous story about a tough-talking artist who raises a duck. The duck tones down the artist's language and slowly changes his art.

When Skelton and Lillard edited *Renaissance II*, some people maintained there was no reawakening of B.C. culture. Lillard replies that fiction bloomed prior to 1940, and then again in the mid-1960's. The years between saw little come out of B.C., he says.

Lillard claims that in addition to a renaissance of poetry and prose, there has also been a renaissance in the crafts on the West Coast.

This special edition of *The Malahat Review* has been financially aided by the Government of British Columbia through the B.C. Cultural Fund and also by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council. It is now on sale at the university bookstore, local bookstores, and from the Malahat office in the Clearihue building.

Fingers

Lights, cameras and action greeted high school students who visited UVic for the 13th annual B.C. Humanities and Science Symposium last week. Not only did they present their award-winning papers to fellow students and members of the university community. They were also greeted by a CBC television crew from Vancouver who televised their presentations in the Media Tech studios for viewing on the CBC morning show "It's Happening". This is the first year that this type of coverage has been given to the outstanding high school students whose papers placed among the top 28 in the province-wide competition adjudicated by UVic professors. The decision to televise more than 20 fifteen-minute programs as part of CBC's Year of the Child programming was made by CBC producer Dennis Towell. Penny Freno-Link who organized publicity for the symposium, acted as UVic's media liaison officer for the event. The symposium is co-sponsored by the university and B.C. Telephone Company, to give students time on campus and inspire their future study. Viewing dates for the CBC programs will be announced.

Sessionals at UVic are still awaiting word on their fate, which may come sometime in June. The chairwoman of the deans' committee to look into the situation of sessionals, Dean Norma Mickelson (Education) said last week that her committee is now in the throes of trying to draft policy to send forward to President Dr. Howard Petch for consideration. What sessionals are seeking from the administration is a clarification of their position in such areas as status, job definition, job security, salaries, fringe benefits and representation through formal channels for negotiations with the university administration. The committee to effect equity for sessionals (CEES) has been pressing for improvements in the position of UVic sessionals since the fall. They sought representation through the UVic Faculty Association which grants voting rights to full-time sessionals, but two-thirds of the 180 sessional lecturers hired last year were part-time appointments. CEES had its first formal meeting with the deans' committee in mid April.

Letters

Editor

It is hard to respond with "constructive criticisms or suggestions" to a proposal to increase one of the University's charges by a third, but Mr. Elcock invites, in connection with his proposed \$10 increase in the athletic fee, and here's my offering. The \$10 increase should be just sufficient to cover the expense of closing all entrances to McKinnon but one, and then hiring enough security guards to check, during all the hours the gym is open, that those who enter have paid the athletic fee.

Charles B. Daniels
(Philosophy)

The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada has awarded six doctoral scholarships and one special M.A. scholarship to students who are attending or will be attending UVic. The number of awards for UVic is up from last year. In 1978 there was only one doctoral fellowship and one master's awarded. UVic staff member David Bird (CMFD) and students Suzanne Rose, Peter Wilson, Brian Schaefer, and Beverly Smith have received doctoral fellowships. Oliver Coomes has received a special M.A. scholarship. Rose and Wilson will be working on their doctorates in linguistics at UVic. The recipient of the sixth doctoral fellowship, Albert LaFrance, will be coming to UVic to study for a Ph.D. in musicology. The amount of the award for single students is up from \$6,360 last year to \$6,750 this year. Married students' awards remain at \$7,240.

A reading of the short story, "A Buttercup for Uncle Lennie", written by Sonia Birch-Jones, administrative assistant in the School of Public Administration at UVic was featured on the CBC radio program "Anthology" May 12. Written through the eyes of an unhappy young girl, the story tells how Uncle Lennie's death brings happiness into the life of the young child. The tale is taken from Birch-Jones' Jewish-Welsh childhood background. It is her first short story. She has since had six of her stories published in the Canadian literary review *Jewish Dialogue*. One of her stories placed third in a competition held by the Pacific Northwest Writers Association which attracted about 1,000 entries. In the most recent edition of *The Malahat Review*, UVic's literary quarterly, Birch-Jones' short story, "A First Class Funeral", is among the prose featured.

Forty four exchange teachers from Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, the United States and eastern Canada participated in a seminar hosted by UVic recently. The teachers, currently teaching in secondary and elementary schools throughout British Columbia, listened to guest speakers from UVic, the Ministry of Education, the B.C. Teachers Federation and seminar participants. The four-day event was sponsored by the Ministry of Education.

Sean Virgo's poem "Deathwatch on Skidegate Narrows", which appeared in issue 45 of *The Malahat Review*, was selected the best poem printed in a Canadian periodical in 1978 at the second annual National Magazine Awards ceremony in Toronto last month. Virgo received the DuMaurier Award for Poetry. He was chosen from 1,300 entries in 16 award categories by 75 English and French-speaking judges from across the country. Other competitors in the poetry category included Margaret Atwood, George Faludy and Brian Fawcett. Virgo is a former student in UVic's creative writing department and once taught in UVic's English department. He now lives in Topsail, Newfoundland.

Native art at Maltwood

More than 30 Indian artists are represented in an exhibit of contemporary Indian art and crafts at the University of Victoria Maltwood Art Museum and Gallery beginning May 22. The show, circulated by the National Museum of Man in Ottawa, closes June 6.

The exhibit includes paintings, prints, carvings, drawings, jewellery, beadwork, embroidery and ceramic work. The artifacts represent the work of individuals and groups from the west coast, the plains and the eastern woodlands.

Among the artists participating are well-known Indian artist Henry Hunt and his son Tony who carved the totem poles at UVic's Cornett building.

A silkscreen by Bill Reid, entitled "Dog Salmon" is also on view. Other artists include Violet Fourhorns, John Blueboy and Bella Bonnetrouge.

The Gallery is open Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For four days next week the best available rugby talent in Canada will be working out on the playing fields of UVic under the watchful eye of Dr Bruce Howe, chairman of the department of physical education. Howe is coach of the 1979 national rugby team and the training camp is being held on campus May 24 to 27. After three days of practices, meetings and exhibition games, 21 players will be chosen to represent Canada in a game against the United States national team June 9 in Toronto. Howe and four other coaches form the selection committee to choose the Canadian team. Among players now listed with the national team is Gary Grant of UVic.



Murray photo

Martin Jones of Port Moody, B.C. is not frowning. He has been made up to look like Dracula, minus the teeth. Jones was one of approximately 600 students from all over B.C. who attended the B.C. High School Drama Conference last week at UVic. Students received instruction in such areas as stage design, lighting, voice and singing, movement and mime, dance, costume, and as is evident from the above photo, makeup. Instructors came from UVic and the entertainment professions.

Dr. Clare Porac (psychology) would appreciate 100 subjects from June through August for experiments in hand-eye coordination. Subjects will be paid \$2.50 per experiment for four to five experiments lasting about one hour each. People between 16 and 40 years of age who see without glasses or contact lenses are requested to leave their names with Porac at local 4571 or with her research assistants in room 062 Cornett. Left handers are especially welcome.